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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

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RE: Senate Commerce Committee Hearing on Media Consolidation

Dear Senator Boxer:

Today I listened to your Commerce Committee comments regarding media consolidation. You were citing media control by past communist governments in the world.

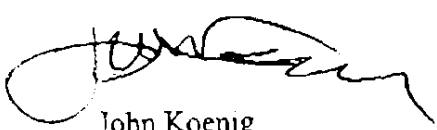
As any first year law student would know, the people of the United States are guaranteed under the First Amendment with protection from interference by the US Government. You are oddly trying to equate a First Amendment protection from interference by corporations. There is no comparison, even under the outdated guise of limited "spectrum".

Radio media outlets should be able to play, and frankly would not exist in the first place, if they didn't control their content and deliver what pleases their audiences. This includes censoring the "Dixie Chicks" or any other material they may or may not deem satisfactory. For the Senate Commerce Committee to consider regulations of the radio media consolidation rules based on your "communist control" equivalence is completely illogical, since you are proposing to do exactly what your example illustrates. You are contemplating using government power to control private speech.

I suggest you stop over-reaching with the limited "spectrum" theory of intervention and reveal your true motive, that is, control of the media to suit your political agenda. Talk about projection. This has nothing to do with media consolidation. It's your Freudian selection of a strategy of exactly like the communist techniques you cited.

Senator Boxer, no Americans are complaining about it. So why don't you let the people who are running the radio media determine what their customers want to hear --- unless you think the American people are too stupid to draw their own conclusions about radio programming.

Sincerely,



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